

MEMORIAL

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE TERRITORY OF IOWA,

PRAYING

The amendment of the organic law of that Territory.

JANUARY 8, 1840.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled :

Your memorialists, the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa, would

RESPECTFULLY REPRESENT :

That the inhabitants of the Territory of Iowa are put to great inconvenience, and, in many cases, have suffered actual loss, by reason of the limited jurisdiction conferred upon justices of the peace, by the law organizing this Territory.

Your memorialists would farther represent that, in a great many cases it is preferable for those who may have a good and just cause of action, when the amount due is more than fifty dollars, to submit to the loss, and neglect to enforce the claim, to seek redress in a court of record, thereby subjecting themselves to the expense and trouble of travelling, in many cases, twenty or thirty miles, to the place where the court is held, and all the expense incidental to prosecuting a suit to final judgment.

Your memorialists would, therefore, respectfully pray your honorable body so to amend the organic law of this Territory, as to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace to the sum of one hundred dollars.

Resolved, That his excellency the Governor be requested to forward three copies of the above memorial, one to the President of the Senate, one to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one to our Delegate in Congress.

ED. JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
S. HEMPSTEAD,
President of Council.

Approved December 20, 1839.

ROBERT LUCAS.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Burlington, Iowa Territory, December 23, 1839.

SIR: In compliance with the request of the Legislative Assembly, I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a memorial to the Congress of the United States, with a request that you lay the same before the honorable body over which you preside.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ROBERT LUCAS.

Hon. RICHARD M. JOHNSON,

President of the Senate U. S., Washington city.

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